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(A general threat of possible terrorist activity)

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- 2. Vary daily routines to avoid habitual patterns.
- 3. Practice common sense crime prevention techniques.

FPCON ALPHA

(The general threat is still out there)

- 1. Continue the practices started in FPCON Normal.
- 2. Review additional duty procedures/checklists available through your supervisor or unit Force Protection OIC/NCOIC.
- If you have family members accompanying you, explain what the FPCON means to you and them. Make sure their security concerns equal with the FPCON.
- 4. Carry unit recall rosters and your identification card. Follow established facility and installation entry control procedures.

FPCON BRAVO

(May be in effect for a long time)

- 1. Continue previously implemented practices.
- 2. Be prepared for delays when entering the installation. Be patient and expect parking restriction in and around support areas.
- 3. Do a periodic walk around of the exterior and interior of your work area, checking for anything out of the ordinary. Report suspicious findings to your supervisor.
- 4. If you are a supervisor, consider staggering work hours for your personnel. Ensure daily briefs include additional security actions required by unit members.
- 5. Check all incoming mail/packages for unusual markings, stains, odors, or sounds.
- 6. Prior to entering your car, check for signs of tampering. If you suspect tampering contact the security forces.
- 7. If going TDY, do not park or leave your car at your work place. Have someone pick you up.
- 8. Keep family members informed.

FPCON BRAVO (CONTINUED)

- 9. If a single parent, verify family member care plans as needed.
- 10. Review home and office evacuation plans.

FPCON CHARLIE

(Most support facilities may be closed)

- 1. Continue all implemented practices.
- 2. Perform 100% ID checks of personnel you do not recognize. Escort your visitors at all times.
- 3. If you are a supervisor, brief your troops on the impact of the higher FPCON and what actions they need to implement.
- 4. Have protective gear (flak vest and helmet) immediately available.
- Contact family members, but do not release sensitive operational information. If accompanied, ask family members to stay at home.
- 6. Be aware that briefcases, gym bags, etc., may be inspected at installation/ facility entry points.
- 7. Avoid facilities with a large concentration of people or long lines.

FPCON CHARLIE (CONTINUED)

- 8. Expect longer delays and car inspections at base entry/exit points.
- 9. If you are a single parent or both parents work, ensure family member care providers are still available.

FPCON DELTA

(An attack has occurred or is likely to occur)

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- 5. Make frequent checks of the interior and exterior of buildings and parking areas for suspicious activities.
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